



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 361

By McNally, Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Selma Shapiro of Oak Ridge.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of Tennessee learned of the death of Selma Shapiro; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shapiro was a distinguished citizen of the State of Tennessee who was very dedicated to her profession, community, and family; and

WHEREAS, Selma Shapiro was born in Brookline, Massachusetts, and graduated from Hickox Business College with a degree in Business; and

WHEREAS, after moving with her husband to Oak Ridge in the 1940s, Mrs. Shapiro became very active in her community, serving as a troop leader in Girl Scouts, President and a longtime member of the National Council of Jewish Women, and a member of the parent-teacher organizations at each school her children attended; and

WHEREAS, in August of 1973, Selma Shapiro began working as a Museum Educator and Coordinator of Exhibits/Activities at the newly-founded Children's Museum of Oak Ridge and, a few months later, she was asked to serve as the museum's Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, over the next thirty-two years, Mrs. Shapiro would cultivate the growth of the Children's Museum from a few exhibits on display in the library of the old Jefferson Junior High School into the sterling educational institution it is today; and

WHEREAS, the success of the Children's Museum is a direct result of the passion she had for providing the best educational opportunities for children and her visionary leadership; and

WHEREAS, Selma Shapiro was a valued member of the Association of Youth Museums, serving as that organization's President from 1986 until 1988, and her dedication to her vocation was honored with her induction into the American Association of Museums Centennial Honor Roll in 2006; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mrs. Shapiro was given the first-ever Governor's Award for the Arts in 1973, garnered the first Gordon Holl Arts Administrator Award from the Tennessee Arts Commission in 1987, and received the Rotary Club of Oak Ridge's Vocational Service Award in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Shapiro was an active and devout member of the Jewish Congregation of Oak Ridge for more than sixty years; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Selma Shapiro is survived by her husband, Theodore Shapiro, and was the proud mother and mother-in-law of Sandie and Barry Guryan, Susan McCarthy, Ronnie and Jim Bogard, and Philip and Mary Shapiro; and

WHEREAS, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Evelyn Clark and Harold Kravit; and

WHEREAS, she will be sorely missed by her sister, Barbara Stearns; her grandchildren, Jonathan Guryan, Rebecca Guryan, Cory Karpf, Rob Karpf, Nigel Lay, Derek Bogard, and Jordan Bogard; her great-grandchildren, Max Guryan, Gabby Guryan, Andrew Guryan, Emme Karpf, Miles Karpf, and Trevor Bogard; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Selma Shapiro leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Selma Shapiro, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Shapiro.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 20, 2011

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 3rd day of June 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR